(c) It provides flexibility and capability of faster service.

(d) The cost of installation of telephones is expected to be around Rs. 20,000 per line.

(e) The technology is under development indigenously at C-DOT.

Sanctioning and waiting list of Telephone connections

2600. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone connections sanctioned during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(b) the position of waiting lists during the above period, State-wise; and

(c) the number of new telephone connectioins given during 1996 and 1997, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) The details of telephone connections provided and the position of waiting list during the last three years, State-wise are as per Statement-I *(See* below).

(c) The number of new telephone connections given during 1996 and 1997, so far, State-wise is as per Statement-II.

Statement I

State-wise Numbers of new telephone connections given during 1996-97

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Telephone provided	Waiting list on 31.3.94	Telephone provided	Waiting list on 31.3.95	Telephone provided	Waiting list on 31.3.96
1.	Andhra Pradesh	77,837	1,55,426	1,38,278	1,24,452	1,50,021	1,35,054
2.	Assam	13,430	9,820	13,103	15,028	20,295	19,648
3.	Bihar	37,189	35,544	44,068	21,225	33,115	42,481
4.	Gujarat (including Dadar, Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli)	82,187	1,98,808	1,22,507	1,88,114	1,34,832	2,11,799
5.	Haryana	41,793	69,310	47,008	60,885	52,486	76,914
6.	Hamachal Pradesh	11,009	18,415	21,349	13,520	30,212	24,768
7.	J & K	7,047	18,190	4,983	20,530	5,988	27,919
8.	Karnataka	73,539	1,65,886	1,36,008	1,24,066	1,39,694	1,53,663
9.	Kerala (inclduing Lakshedweep (U.T.)	58,936	3,14,442	90,460	3,38,879	1,54,033	4,15,321
10.	M.P.	1,01,964	52,587	88,619	37,055	81,275	35,806
11.	Maharashtra (inclduing Goa and Mumbai)	2,45,463	3,41,529	3,60,807	2,61,743	4,18,131	2,36,716

Sl. No.	Name of the State	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Telephone provided	Waiting list on 31.3.94	Telephone provided	Waiting list on 31.3.95	Telephone provided	Waiting list on 31.3.96
12.	North-East (including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura)	8,687	5,217	8,589	5,327	16,433	5,961
13.	Orissa	21,021	4,171	18,638	9,726	31,014	14,682
14.	Punjab (including Chandigarh)	59,008	1,89,462	1,01,059	1,71,372	1,43,569	1,73,005
15.	Rajasthan	75,135	1,62,571	84,623	1,47,208	1,00,672	1,38,150
16.	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai and Pondicherry (U.T.)	94,116	3,10,992	1,49,899	2,97,784	2,07,452	3,41,829
17.	U.P.	59,330	1,25,496	1,16,290	1,06,827	1,51,336	1,18,546
18.	West Bengal (including Sikkim, Andman & Nicobar Islands and Calcutta)	47,885	68,083	70,240	78,963	1,12,463	95,538
19.	Delhi	1,25,020	2,50,901	1,53,090	1,30,243	2,00,070	9,221
	Total	12,49,636	24,96,850	17,69,718	21,52,947	21,83,091	22,77,021

Statement-II

Numbers of New Telephone Connections given during 1996-97 as on 28th February, 1997

Sl. No.	State	Telephone Connections
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1,23,560
2.	Assam	13,213
3.	Bihar	32,254
4.	Gujarat (including Dadar, Diu, Daman & Nagar Haveli)	1,10,718
5.	Haryana	33,670
6.	Himachal Pradesh	26,345
7.	J & K	9,672
8.	Karnataka	1,18,010
9.	Kerala (including Lakshadweep (U.T)	1,28,350
10.	Madhya Pradesh	38,827
11.	Maharashtra (including Goa & Mumbai)	2,63,466
12.	North-East (including Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mozoram, Nagaland & Tripura)	10,719
13.	Orissa	26,536
14.	Punjab (including Chandigarh)	80,548

Sl. No.	State	Telephone Connections
15.	Rajasthan	66,509
16.	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai and Pondicherry (U.T)	1,62,577
17.	Uttar Pradesh	1,35,730
18.	West Bengal (including Sikkim, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Calcutta)	90,151
19.	Delhi	1,28,775
	Total	15,99,830

Vacancies in the Ministry of Defence

2601. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' posts reserved for OBCs have been lying vacant in various offices functioning under Defence Ministry in Delhi/New Delhi and Central Vehicle Depot, Delhi Cantt and Central Ordnance Depots, Shakurbasti and Delhi Cantt;

(b) if so, the details of all such vacancies which are to be filled up through direct recruitment; and

(c) the action contemplated in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) As on 1.3.1997, total number of vacancies in Group 'D' reserved for backward classes in various offices in Delhi is 30. Action for filling up these vacancies is being taken in accordance with the relevant instructions.

उत्तर प्रदेश मे रक्षा मंत्री का दौरा

2602. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह "सूर्य"**: क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) जुलाई, 1996 से 31 जनवरी, 1997 के दौरान वायु सेना और थल सेना के वायुयानों और हेलीकाप्टरों से उन्होंने उत्तर प्रदेश में किन-किन स्थानों का कितनी-कितनी बार दौरा किया;

(ख) इन दौरों के प्रयोजनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या इन दौरों पर रक्षा मंत्री के साथ सैन्य अधिकारियों के अलावा अन्य सिविलियन अधिकारी भी गये थे, यदि हां, तो उनके साथ जाने वाले ऐसे व्यक्तियों का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) इन यात्राओं पर किये गये कुल व्यय का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन०वी०एन० सोमू): (क) से (घ) रक्षा मंत्री अपने कार्यों का निर्वहन करने के लिए सेना के वायुयान का इस्तेमाल करते हैं। प्रत्येक दौरे का प्रयोजन तथा अन्य ब्यौरे प्रकट करना जनहित में नहीं होगा।

Expenditure on Integrated guided missile development programme

2603. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent on the integrated guided missile development programme during the last five years; the surface to surface and other missile programmes launched during those years particularly from Chandipur-on-sea;

(b) whether the Prithivi missile has been test fired successfully;

(c) if so, the other surface to surface missiles proposed to be launched during the year; and

(d) the fund earmarked in Ninth Five Year Plan for integrated guided missile development programme?